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SUBJECT: BERENGER TRIP TO TANANARIVE

EMBASSY HAS INFORMATION THAT PAUL BERENGER, LEADER OF THE MARXIST MMM (MOUVEMENT MILITANT MAURICIEN) IS SCHEDULED TO TRAVEL TO TANANARIVE JULY 30 OR 31 TO MEET WITH PRESIDENT RATSIRAKA. ONE OF BERENGER'S ASSISTANTS, LOUIS DE COMMARMOND, HAS REPORTEDLY BEEN IN TANANARIVE SINCE JULY 23. PURPOSE OF THE VISIT MAY BE TO SEEK FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR THE MAURITIAN ELECTIONS EXPECTED TO BE HELD THIS FALL, AND TO MEET WITH DIPLOMATS OF COUNTRIES FRIENDLY TO THE MMM REPRESENTED IN TANANARIVE. BERENGER MAY ALSO MEET IN TANANARIVE WITH PAUL VERGES, LEADER OF REUNION COMMUNIST PARTY, WHICH HAS PROVIDED COVERT FINANCIAL AND OTHER SUPPORT TO THE MMM. WE WOULD APPRECIATE LEARNING OF ANY MEDIA COVERAGE OF BERENGER'S VISIT, OR ANY OTHER DETAILS EMBASSY IS ABLE TO DEVELOP.
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